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March Madness! INL crowns three high school state champions

Two highs schools from Boise and one from Arimo won their respective divisions at the INL Scholastic Tournament state championships, thereby qualifying for the U.S. Department of Energy's National Science Bowl in Washington, D.C., April 27 – May 1.

Timberline of Boise, Marsh Valley of Arimo and Riverstone Community School of Boise won the titles for Class A large-sized, Class B middle-sized and Class C small-sized schools, respectively, in the recently completed competition in Boise. The schools are classified according to enrollment.

Throughout Idaho, 77 schools competed in this year's competition, more than any other of the 65 regional tournaments in the U.S. and Virgin Islands. To qualify for the state competition, teams competed locally in a game-show format answering questions primarily on math and science and having only seconds to "buzz-in" to give the answer.

The state championship matches will be broadcast March 25 on Idaho Public Television beginning at 5 p.m. MST, and 4 p.m. PST.

Placing second in Class A was Centennial of Meridian, with third place to Madison of Rexburg and the consolation title to Hillcrest of Idaho Falls.

The Class B runner-up was Nampa Christian, with Soda Springs placing third and Filer the consolation champion.

In the Class C division, Coeur d'Alene Charter Academy placed second, Mackay third and Cole Valley Christian of Boise was the consolation champion.

The three Idaho champions will travel to Washington, D.C., on an expense-paid trip to visit historical sites, compete in a hydrogen fuel cell car competition and vie for the national championship in the National Science Bowl against 65 other regional winners.

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